

perpetrate wilfully, as well great, sundry and detestable murdeia, robberies and also great and heinous offences, whereunto such malefactors are partly instigated and moved by certain licentious privileges, and other liberties granted to diverse places and territories within the realm, commonly called Sanctuaries, to which such wilful offenders heretofore have had refuge and tuition of their lives and bodies after the said mischievous offence.' *Stats, of Bealm*, 32 H. VIII. 12; 21 H. VIII. 2; 22 H. VIII. 14,

## NOTES TO CHAPTEE IY

### *Note 1, p. 114*

See the legate Otho's ordinance in 1237, and the acceptance of the principle by the Church in 1268 ; Gibson's *Codex*, ii. 1090-1, misprinted as pp. 1080-1 in edition of 1713. Taking money for penance .is there absolutely prohibited as being an encouragement to sin.

In 1342 Archbishop Stratford decrees that money shall not be received for notorious offences the *second* time, and that commutations be \* made moderately, so that the receiver be not judged rapacious;' Gibson's *Codex*, ii. 1091. This is a very different thing from the absolute prohibition of 1237 and 1268.

### *Note 2, p. 116*

Although Chaucer puts the story into the mouth of the Summoner's professional enemy the Friar, he means the portrait for a real one, for he describes the practices of the Summoner in the same way in the Prologue; and for the characters in the Prologue he himself is responsible.

### *Note 2, p. 118*

*E.g.* in 1381 he confirmed a Cardinal (Tibercinensis) as Precentor of York. In 1384 he confirmed another Cardinal as Archdeacon of "Wilts ; See Neve's *Fasti*, sub loc. These licenses are referred to at the end of the Statute against Aliens, 7 B. II., 11.

### *Note 8, p. 119*

I found in the Lambeth Library an order (MS. 144 b, Lambeth Reg., Sudbury) to the Archbishop to certify to the Barons of the Exchequer the number of secular foreign clergy holding benefices in his diocese Dec. 12, 1377. On applying at the Becord Office I found not only his return, but the returns made by a dozen other Bishops on receipt of a similar order (MSS. Clerical Subsidies). "While some of the Bishops have closely followed the words of the writ, and made a return only of secular alien clergy in their diocese, some have also returned the names of the alien Abbots and Priors holding appropriated churches in the diocese. I have had these lists copied out, and they are my authority for the statements m the text as to foreign rectors.